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Rep. Dittrich Condemns Violence in Nation's Capital

Madison – Representative Barbara Dittrich (R - Oconomowoc) issued the following statement condemning the violence in the nation's capital that took place on Wednesday, January 6^{th} :

"As I have shared repeatedly in statements condemning violent riots and protests over the course of 2020, I absolutely support every citizen's First Amendment right to make their voice heard. However, we cannot and must not stand for destruction and violence in any form. January 6th 2021, was a dark day in America. What happened in our nation's capital was outrageous and absolutely indefensible.

"Having worked in a State Capitol that has had windows smashed and then boarded up, with great concern about the safety for myself and staff, it would be extremely hypocritical to condemn what happened in Madison and not decry what happened in Washington, DC. In order to move forward and govern in this era of deep, national fracture, civility and decency must be evident in the actions of both our government and its citizens.

"It is clear that America has a long way to go towards unifying and healing. Political violence serves only to validate and empower our nation's enemies. We are better than this, my fellow citizens. Let's demonstrate this fact in the way we treat one another."

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